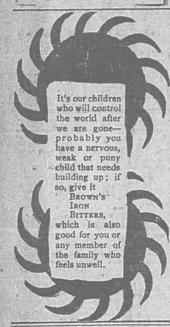


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The secretary of the national association of wool manufacturers, Mr. S. N. D. North, is certainly as well equipped as any man in the United States to discuse with expert knowledge the present condition of the wool industry in this country. Among his other duties, Cecretary North prepares the Wool Book, a manual of established value to the trade and to industrial science, and publishes a quarterly entitled the "Bulletin," which has existed longer than any other industrial publication in the country, and probably longer than any other in the world. His pride in these publications is warranted by the constant and unsatisfied demand for them in university libraries.

The "picture drawn by Mr. James Dobson, of Philadelphia, one of the leading textile manufacturers of the world, is causing discussion among all the journals of the textile trades, and among none more than among those of the woolen industry. The first question I asked Secretary North, when I found him in his commodious office on Kilby street in this city, was if he could give to the Mail and Express an official confirmation of Mr. Dobson's estimate that half the woolen looms in the country are fille to-day.

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Mr. North promptly repiled. "It is not strictly correct to say that half the looms are standing still all the time. It would be more exact to say, though it amounts to the same thing, that all the looms are standing still half the lime. I mean that if you take all the few looms that are yet running on full time, all the many looms that are running on partial time and all the looms that eare not running at all, the result of the calculation must be that half of the normal capacity of the looms of the woolen industry is not employed. I can give you some official figures to show what this means to our wage-earners. In 1890 there were in this country in woolen manufacture 29,000 broad looms, 29,-150 narrow looms, 1,937 carper looms—total 66,487 looms. In that year the average number of employes was 219,-132. That is to say, the number of these looms now running is only 33,243, and the number of active employes is only 109,561. In other words, nearly 110,000 would be wholly out of work were it not for the qualification I have made, that, broadly speaking, nearly all of these wage-earners are working on half-time. A comparison of the payrolls for 1890 and 1896 will show more clearly the result. In 1890 the woolen industry in 1890 was 131,323, so that the earnings of that number of workers, many of them heads of families, have been cut one-half.

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The reader may draw for himself the appailing inferences which Secretary North's statistics suggest as to the effect upon wage-earners in the woolen industry, and those dependent upon them, of the paralysis of 50 per cent of its normal product. Now, listen to Mr. North's explanation of this disaster:

"The woolen industry has suffered more than any other from the Wilson-Gorman tariff law, All industries have suffered from the uncertainty as to our future financial policy. From that cause, woolen manufacturers have suffered alike with those who make goods of cotton or silk, with those who make shoes and general supplies. But from the present tariff the woolen industry has suffered more than any other. This is largely because the reduction of customs duties was followed by a fall in the price of the raw material. This resulted in a harder blow to the woolen industry than anybody had anticipated.

I also called on Mr. Charles Fletcher

I asked Mr. Fletcher whether the statement, published in the Mail and Express on the authority of Mr. James Dodson, of Philadelphia, that haif of the looms in the seventy-five woolen mills in and near Providence are idle, was correct.

"Yes," Mr. Fletcher replied, "that statement is within the mark. It is a conservative estimate to say that 50 per cent of the capacity of the woolen mills of Rhode Island is standing still, and the worst of it is that the percentage will increase instead of diminish. It would not be correct to say that 50 per cent of the employes are idle, but heariy all of them are idle half the time. That is to say, the men are working only three or four days. A week—in most cases only three days. That means that they are earning only 50 per cent of hele normal wages. I wouldn't like to estimate with any pretense to accuracy the average normal wage of an adult woolen worker; but, assuming it to be \$2 a day, or \$12 a week, you can truthfully say that such a man cannot earn now more than \$6 a week. That, mind you, is for skilled adult labor."

"Has this caused great distress in Rhode Island?"

"In many cases it has. For example, not all the mills are running, even on half time. Some have shut down entirely, throwing the heads of hundreds of families into the street in enforced idleness. Why, only the other day the Saxton Worsted Company was forced to go out of business entirely. And for what reason? Not for any lack of business enterprise or sugacity, not for any deterforation of plant. It was not one of the largest mills, but it was one of the bear equipped in the United States, with the finest machinery, turning out a good product, which ranked high in the woolen market. The simple trouble was that the mill had no work to do. I have heard that the company, in the effort to keep its mill running, for the principal purpose of giving work and wages to its employes, has lost since 1853 over \$200.000. Now, those figures concern another company's affairs and I don't vouch for their absolute exactness

and returned with a letter in his hand.
"I will read you this letter," he said, "on condition that you do not publish the names." The letter was addressed to a prominent commission house in Boston, which represents some of the largest woolen mills in the country. It was written from Chicago by an expert who had been sent out there to investigate the condition of the western market for woolens. The letter stated that the market is in a dreadful condition. There were ho sales at any value. Nobody was buying, even at less than the cost of production. Large wholesale dealers in woolens, the writer said, would willingly talk by the hour, explaining why they could not place any orders. The nub of their reason was that they could not buy from others when nobody would buy from them. The writer advised his Boston firm to in turn inform the mills they represented not to put any more material into their icoms for the coming season, as they would find no market for their product if they made it.

Mr. Fletcher continued: "That is only a typical letter. The same report is repeated from men who travel in all centers of trade, east as well as west. These reports disclose ithe immediate trouble with the woolen industry, which is that there are no buyers. Now, why are there no buyers? Because they are supplied with cheap foreign goods. The figures of importations since Cleveland came in of woolen goods from England, France and Germany tell the story. We can't keep these foreign goods out under the present tariff. By the use of shoddy and inferior wools these foreign mills can turn out about twice the yardage at half the cost. Why, the whole country is being clothed in revamped rags," burst out Mr. Fletcher indignantly.

I asked him how he accounted for the repeated reports in Democratic and mugwump journals of a revival of the domestic woolen industry.

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